



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB4484**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Patient Transitions and Continuity of Care Act. Provides that whenever a patient is transferred from a hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility the transferring hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility shall provide the receiving hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility with a form that lists certain specified information about the patient. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health shall develop and publish the form that is to be used by the transferring hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Patient Transitions and Continuity of Care Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. It is the intent of the General  
7 Assembly to decrease administrative burdens for health care  
8 professionals and health care institutions; improve patient  
9 care by simplifying the continuation of care; and eliminate  
10 unnecessary paperwork.

11 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act, the following  
12 terms have the meaning given in this Section.

13 "Assisted living facility" has the meaning ascribed to the  
14 term "assisted living establishment" in Section 10 of the  
15 Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act.

16 "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Section  
17 3 of the Hospital Licensing Act. "Hospital" also has the  
18 meaning ascribed to the term "University of Illinois Hospital"  
19 in Section 1 of the University of Illinois Hospital Act.

20 "Nursing home" has the meaning ascribed to the term  
21 "facility" in Article 1 of the Nursing Home Care Act.

1 Section 15. Uniform transition of care forms required.

2 (a) Whenever a patient transfers from a hospital, nursing  
3 home, or assisted living facility to another hospital, nursing  
4 home, or assisted living facility, the transferring hospital,  
5 nursing home, or assisted living facility shall provide a form  
6 to the receiving hospital, nursing home, or assisted living  
7 facility that provides the following mandatory data elements  
8 regarding the patient that includes, but is not limited to:

9 (1) Patient name;

10 (2) Patient date of birth;

11 (3) Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance number;

12 (4) Diagnosis;

13 (5) Treatment plan;

14 (6) Medications prescribed or presently taking;

15 (7) Schedule of prescriptions;

16 (8) Medical equipment used;

17 (9) Activities requiring assistance;

18 (10) Dietary instructions;

19 (11) Activities of daily living (ADL) capability;

20 (12) Level of functioning, such as ambulatory,  
21 ambulatory with assistance, or bedridden;

22 (13) Transferring physician's name;

23 (14) Transferring physician's contact information;

24 (15) Patient allergies;

25 (16) Patient emergency contact's name and phone  
26 number;

- 1           (17) Receiving physician's name;
- 2           (18) Receiving physician's contact information;
- 3           (19) Mental condition;
- 4           (20) Consciousness level, including the assessment  
5 screening that was performed and the result of the  
6 screening;
- 7           (21) Vital signs, including pulse rate, respiration  
8 rate, body temperature, and blood pressure;
- 9           (22) Urinary or fecal incontinence;
- 10          (23) The patient's directions regarding the limitation  
11 of resuscitative efforts in the event of cardiac or  
12 pulmonary arrest (commonly referred to as the patient's  
13 "Code status");
- 14          (24) Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment  
15 (POLST) status;
- 16          (25) Reason for transfer; and
- 17          (26) Communication barriers, such as hearing  
18 impairment, limited English proficiency, or aphasia.

19          (b) The Illinois Department of Public Health shall develop  
20 and publish the form to be used by a transferring hospital,  
21 nursing home, or assisted living facility. The form developed  
22 by the Department of Public Health shall include the  
23 information specified in subsection (a).

24          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.